

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT County Fire	(2) MEETING DATE 11/26/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Robert Lewin / 543-4244 Bill Winter / 543-4244	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution to approve an agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to purchase hand-held radios for County Fire firefighters, and an associated Budget Adjustment Request in FC 140 - County Fire.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt a resolution approving a grant agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in the amount of \$20,000 to purchase hand-held radios for County Fire Firefighters,</li> <li>2. Direct the Chair to sign the grant agreement, and</li> <li>3. Approve a corresponding budget adjustment in FC 140 - County Fire. (4/5 vote required.)</li> </ol>			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal Grant	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$20,000 in offsetting revenue/expense	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1314066 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? N/A	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **DISCUSSION**

In California, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) administers the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program of the Cooperative Fire Assistance Act of 1978. This program provides federal financial assistance to organize, train, and equip local firefighters in rural areas and communities. Grant funds are used to prevent, control and suppress fires threatening life, resources and other improvements.

The County Fire Department provides fire protection services to numerous rural areas and communities within the County. The department applied for and has been awarded a grant on behalf of the County to purchase hand-held radios which will be used for communications between emergency responders. Successful communications are an essential element of emergency response, and are key to firefighter safety. These radios will greatly enhance the Department's communications program.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed the resolution and grant agreement as to form and legal effect.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Funds received under this grant will total \$20,000, which will reimburse the department for the purchase of hand-held radios. These expenditures will be matched by an additional \$20,000 already funded in the department's FY 2013-14 budget. A budget adjustment has been requested which will increase both spending authority and budgeted revenues, all at no net cost to the County.

All expenditures must be completed by June 30, 2014. When these are complete, an invoice will be sent to the CAL FIRE grant administrator requesting reimbursement, and a check should be received within 90 days.

## **RESULTS**

Approving this agreement and accepting funds under the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program will improve the department's ability to protect lives and property, and will improve safety for firefighters engaged in carrying out the department's mission. In addition, using federal funds for this purchase will reduce the need to use County funding for this purpose. These results are in line with the department's commitment to A Safe Community, A Healthy Community, and A Well-Governed Community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. VFA 2013 BOS Resolution 110713
2. VFA 2013 Agreement